

SUMMARY OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY'S LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH BY SEX, 2003

Number and percent of deaths and age-adjusted rates by sex (and age-adjusted rates for San Diego County)

COUNTY RANK in 2003	CAUSE OF DEATH *	NUMBER AND PERCENT OF DEATHS				AGE-ADJUSTED RATES		
		MALE		FEMALE		MALE	FEMALE	SAN DIEGO COUNTY
		number of deaths	%	number of deaths	%			
1	Diseases of heart	2,742	27.7	2,625	26.4	245.3	161.7	198.8
2	Cancer (any)	2,400	24.3	2,315	23.2	207.4	154.7	176.4
3	Cerebrovascular diseases	620	6.3	901	9.0	56.1	55.5	56.3
4	COPD/Chronic lower respiratory diseases	466	4.7	601	6.0	42.0	38.2	39.8
5	Alzheimer's disease	327	3.3	677	6.8	31.3	39.9	36.9
6	Unintentional injuries	531	5.4	274	2.8	37.8	18.1	27.7
7	Influenza & pneumonia	258	2.6	321	3.2	23.5	19.4	21.3
8	Diabetes mellitus	264	2.7	235	2.4	22.8	15.4	18.6
9	Suicide	264	2.7	62	0.6	18.4	4.2	11.2
10	Chronic liver disease & cirrhosis	179	1.8	116	1.2	13.9	8.0	10.8
11	Essential (primary) hypertension & hypertensive renal disease	85	0.9	142	1.4	7.8	8.6	8.3
12	Parkinson's disease	124	1.3	82	0.8	11.4	5.0	7.6
13	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome & nephrosis	70	0.7	79	0.8	6.4	5.1	5.6
14	Homicide	102	1.0	33	0.3	6.3	2.2	4.3
15	Atherosclerosis	48	0.5	79	0.8	4.6	4.7	4.7
	All Other Causes	1,409	14.2	1,416	14.2	116.5	91.1	102.8
	TOTAL DEATHS:	9,889	100.0	9,958	100.0	1703.1	1263.7	731.2

Rank ordered based on total number of deaths in each of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) "rankable" categories.

* Underlying cause of death.

All rates are per 100,000 population by category (male, female, or total population) and are adjusted to 2000 Standard U.S. Population

Source: State of California, Department of Health Services, Death Statistical Master Files; SANDAG January 1, population estimates

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